

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 75

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## BUDGET RESOLUTION/Health Insurance for Children

**SUBJECT:** Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1998-2002 . . . S.Con. Res. 27. Domenici modified amendment No. 307.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 98-2

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. Con Res. 27, the Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal year 1998, will balance the Federal budget in fiscal year (FY) 2002 by slowing the overall rate of growth in spending over the next 5 years to below the rate of growth in revenue collections (the Congressional Budget Office recently revised upwards its 5-year revenue estimate by \$225 billion).

**The Domenici modified amendment** would not change any of the totals in the resolution. Originally, it was offered as a substitute to the Hatch/Kennedy amendment (see vote No. 76) and would have had the effect of eliminating that amendment's tax and spending increases. The Domenici amendment would note that the Bipartisan Budget Agreement of May 15, 1997 as implemented in this resolution will spend \$16 billion over 5 years to provide up to 5 million additional children with health insurance coverage by 2002. The amendment would further note that the additional funds could be used for one or more of the following: Medicaid, including outreach activities to identify and to enroll eligible children, efforts to provide 12-month continuous eligibility, and programs to restore Medicaid for disabled children who are losing Supplemental Security Income benefits due to new, reformed qualification rules; and a program of capped mandatory grants to the States to finance health insurance coverage for uninsured children. Finally, the amendment notes that the funds will be used in the most cost-effective manner possible to expand coverage and services for low-income and uninsured children.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

For all the reasons we have expressed in the debate on the Hatch/Kennedy amendment (see vote No. 76), we believe that this

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Republican (53 or 96%)		Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (2 or 4%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Johnson	Hagel			
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Kennedy	Thompson			
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Biden	Kerrey				
Bennett	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kerry				
Bond	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kohl				
Brownback	Kyl	Breaux	Landrieu				
Burns	Lott	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Campbell	Lugar	Bumpers	Leahy				
Chafee	Mack	Byrd	Levin				
Coats	McCain	Cleland	Lieberman				
Cochran	McConnell	Conrad	Mikulski				
Collins	Murkowski	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Coverdell	Nickles	Dodd	Moynihan				
Craig	Roberts	Dorgan	Murray				
D'Amato	Roth	Durbin	Reed				
DeWine	Santorum	Feingold	Reid				
Domenici	Sessions	Feinstein	Robb				
Enzi	Shelby	Ford	Rockefeller				
Faircloth	Smith, Bob	Glenn	Sarbanes				
Frist	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Torricelli				
Gorton	Snowe	Harkin	Wellstone				
Gramm	Specter	Hollings	Wyden				
Grams	Stevens	Inouye					
Grassley	Thomas						
Gregg	Thurmond						
Hatch	Warner						
Helms							

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business  
2—Necessarily Absent  
3—Illness  
4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea  
AN—Announced Nay  
PY—Paired Yea  
PN—Paired Nay

amendment adequately addresses the problem of uninsured children in America. It is going to take a little time, and a little experience, to figure out what works best, and to put the \$16 billion in this budget resolution for those children to the best possible use. We definitely should not throw another \$20 billion at the problem before we have even designed the program, and in the process destroy the Bipartisan Budget Agreement with tax and spending increases. We urge our colleagues to adopt this amendment instead of the Hatch/Kennedy amendment.

**While favoring the amendment,** some Senators expressed the following reservations:

We are glad that this budget resolution assumes that \$16 billion will be spent to make medical care available to millions of uninsured children in America, and we are certain it will be spent wisely. However, we do not see this amendment as a substitute for the Hatch/Kennedy amendment, because \$16 billion is just not enough money to take care of all the children in need. We need to spend another \$20 billion. We will vote for this amendment, but we will vote for the Hatch/Kennedy amendment too.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**